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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FRENCH CERTIFICATION OF YAK-40

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1. THE FAA REPRESENTATIVE HAS BEEN ADVISED BY THE SGAC THAT FRENCH AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES ARE RECEIVING CONTINUED HIGH LEVEL PRESSURE TO COMPLETE CERTIFICATION OF THE SOVIET YAK-40. REPORTS INDICATE PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS ON THE PART OF THE SOVIETS TO OBTAIN GERMAN CERTIFICATION HAVING FAILED THEY ARE NOW PUTTING THE PRESSURE ON THE GOF. FRENCH AUTHORITIES HERE FORESEE MANY PROBLEMS IN CERTIFICATION OF THE AIRCRAFT FOLLOWING THEIR VISITS TO THE SOVIET UNION TO AIRCRAFT AND ENGINE PLANTS AND IN DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS. VISIT REVEALED MANY WEKNESSES IN SOVIET CERTIDICATION PROCEDURES, AIRWORTHINESS STANDARDS, TESTING AND ANALYSIS. ALTHOUGH THE SOVIETS HAVE A BLUE BOOK CALLED AIRWORTHINESS STANDARDS WHICH WAS REPORTEDLY TO BE COPIED FROM WESTERN STANDARDS, THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT THEY COMPLIED EVEN WITH THEIR OWN STANDARDS IN CERTIFYING THE YAK-40. FOR
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EXAMPLE, IN THE AREA OF FLUTTER ANALYSIS THE FRENCH OFFICIALS
COULD FIND NO STANDARD TO SUPPORT EVALUATION. MANUFACTURING PRO-
CEDURES WERE NOT CONSIDERED TO MEET FRENCH OR AMERICAN
AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURING STANDARDS. IN SUM, FRENCH CERTIFICATION
OFFICIALS ARE ENCOUNTERING GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN PURSUING
CERTIFICATION OF THE YAK-40.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: SGAC WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT,
IF ANY, OVERTURES HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE SOVIETS FOR
U. S. CERTIFICATION OF THE AIRCRAFT.

EXEMPT.
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